

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 29th May 2016

Contests

The results of the 40 metres counties contest held on 8th May have been published, and can be seen on the society's Contest Results page at www.irts.ie/results. An enhanced D-layer, caused by a fairly strong geomagnetic storm, which hit the Earth shortly before the contest, resulted in very poor propagation. Just 15 EI/GI counties were active during the contest, however there was good participation from overseas stations, which accounted for 7 of the 19 logs received.

Fortunately the adverse band conditions experienced on 8th May are fairly rare, and let's hope that propagation is better for the society's next contest - which is CW Field Day, on Saturday & Sunday next, 4th & 5th June. This contest runs for 24 hours from 15:00 UTC, but for those unwilling to operate for the full period, we have a restricted 6-hour section. See www.irts.ie/contests for the full rules.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group would like to wish all of the candidates sitting the Harec exam next Thursday in Dublin and Waterford the very best of luck. A special message of good luck to our own class of 2016 and we look forward to having a chat with all of you on the radio soon.

Normal monthly meetings of the club will resume in June. Meetings had been temporary suspended to facilitate the theory classes on a Monday night. The June meeting will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night the 27th of June at 8.00 p.m. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to come along.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR

The next business meeting of DARS will be held at the club premises Larkin House, 113 Castletown Road Dundalk on Wednesday 1st June at 8.30pm.

The next club activity night will be held on Wednesday 15th June 8.30pm at club QTH.

Remember to visit www.ei7dar.com for details of Radio Shacks of Ireland photography competition.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will take part in the IARU HF World Championship as part of the EIDX Group team which takes place on the 9th and 10th July.

A large multi-multi station will be set up in Garbally College Ballinasloe Co. Galway and EI0HQ will be the callsign for the contest.

This will be a great opportunity to see a large contest station in action so visitors are of course welcome. For more details contact Dave EI9FBB or PAT EI9HX, QTHR.

The next Club meeting will be on the 15th July at 20:30 in Hannons Hotel Roscommon Town. For more information please see www.shannonbasinradioclub.com

GK4LOH received over 3467 km on 144 MHz

We have received news that a reflection from the structure of the International Space Station enabled a 144.175 MHz signal from Tim GK4LOH in Cornwall to cross the Atlantic

At 02:40 UTC May 24th 2016 ISS Flypast. Signal heard 2 minutes 45 into the recording and continued for over a minute. The transmitted message was "GK4LOH GK4LOH T T T T T T T T T T"

Dx News

FY/F6CKD. Gerard F6CKD will be active from French Guiana until 15th June 2016 as FY/F6CKD.

Kevin K6TOP will again be active from B.V.I as VP2V/K6TOP between May 27th to June 15th 2016. QRV on 40-10m CW, spare time. QSL via LoTW.

John, 2M0JMN, will be active from the Cayman Islands as ZF2MN between June 3rd to 17th 2016. QRV holiday-style, HF bands. QSL via M0OXO

Olli, OH0XX is active as PZ50X from Suriname between May 23rd to June 1, 2016.

QRV on 160m to 10m mainly CW. QSL to the home call and logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

Prefix hunters should look for the special event station being operated by the Radio Club des Ardennes until 21 June. The callsign is OS101AB and commemorates the 101st Airborne Division action during the Battle of the Bulge in World War 2. QSLs can be sent via the Belgian QSL Bureau.

Radio News Service

This is a reminder to Club secretaries to submit news to newsteam /at/ irts.ie, on a regular basis for inclusion in the weekly radio news bulletins. Please make a special effort to submit news.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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